291 mans have had contact with municipal civilization. The most distinctive feature of their dress is the high lambskin cap, which is not even discarded when summer is at its hottest. It is usually worn over a kind of skull-cap. The high-crowned fur caps impart to the tall, well-built Turkomans a striking and exceedingly martial note. The tribes who roam the regions of Khiva wear caps which are lower and broader in shape than those of the others. Though both Turkomans and Kirghiz are Mohammedans, neither of the two tribes wear [293] turbans with the exception of the mollahs, teachers of law and religion, who, however, mainly occupy themselves with foretelling the future and writing amulets.

The dress of the Turkoman women, like that of the men, seems expressly designed to make their tall, slender figures appear even taller. They wear long, loose gowns of brilliant red, reaching to the ground, and a high head-band resembling a cap, from which a ribbon hangs down at the back over the wearer's 301 neck. The women are very fond of ornaments, particularly those of the wealthy Tekke Turkomans who inhabit the oasis of Merv. They wear bracelets and anklets, breast ornaments of silver coins, and each of their numerous plaits ends in a small silver tassel. Nose-rings are worn by the women of the Salor tribe only. Even the small helmet-like caps of the children end in a high silver point.